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Stop HPV

Human Papillomavirus-Associated Cancers — United States, 2004–2008 Recorded: May 8, 2012; posted: May 10, 2012

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Human papillomavirus, or HPV, is linked to nearly all cervical cancers and to several other cancers. Nearly 34,000 HPV-associated cancers are diagnosed each year and two-thirds occur in women. The virus is very common, and is usually transmitted through sexual activity. HPV typically goes away on its own, but if it doesn't, it can cause cancer. HPV vaccines help prevent infection. Boys and girls aged 11 and 12 years old should receive three doses of the vaccine. A catch-up vaccine is recommended for women through age 26 and men through age 21 who never completed the series.

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